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NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

The NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS will receive competitive bids and proposals to be submitted electronically via the Neshoba County website at www.neshobacounty.net or sealed bids and proposals to be submitted as provided in the Instructions to Bidders with said bids and proposals due on Monday, October 20th, 2025 at 10:00 AM local time for the following equipment and services:

Complete Breathing Air System for Neshoba County Fire Services with Installation

Detailed specifications for the above described equipment and services with bid form may be obtained from the Board of Supervisor's Office at the Neshoba County Courthouse, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 or by calling 601-656-6281 or on our website at www.neshobacounty.net. Neshoba County will determine if compliance with the specifications exist before accepting any bid.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

All responses to this solicitation for said Breathing Air System for Neshoba County Fire Services shall be returned, with detailed proposals included therewith, and with the bid form for same, in a single PDF document and submitted electronically at www.neshobacounty.net under the correct bid solicitation, by 10:00 AM, local time on Monday, October 20th, 2025 or alternatively the detailed proposal and bid form be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for Breathing Air System", and filed with the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Gidget Tate, 401 E Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350.

It shall be incumbent upon each bidder to understand the specifications and requirements as listed herein and to obtain clarification when necessary, including visiting the facility of installation and staff to inspect and determine necessary information. It is not the intent of the specifications to limit the bidding to any particular brand or provider of services, but rather to select such equipment and services to fill specific emergency service needs. Any reference to name-brand materials, equipment or services is intended to establish standards only and bids submitted on materials, equipment or services thereto, at the sole determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered. Proposals and Bids Submitted may not be withdrawn for a period of 45 days.

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NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Complete Breathing Air System with Installation
for

Neshoba County Fire Services

Neshoba County Board of Supervisors

Neshoba County, Mississippi

August 11, 2025

Proposals Due
October 20th, 2025 – 10:00 AM CST

Electronic or Sealed Bid as Acquisition is Anticipated to
Be Below the \$75,000 Reverse Auction Threshold

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors is soliciting proposals for the purchase, installation and certification of a new complete Breathing Air System for use by Neshoba County Fire Services and other emergency services personnel. The system must meet or exceed NFPA 1901 Standards and be capable of delivering Grade "E" Breathing Air suitable for fire services Self-Contained Breathing Air (SCBA) and emergency services Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Air (SCUBA) cylinder refilling.

The new breathing air system will be installed in the designated location inside the Neshoba County Emergency Management Storage Facility at 911 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350.

RFP OVERVIEW

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors invites qualified vendors and providers to submit a proposal in response to this Request for Proposals, for providing all equipment, materials, labor and testing necessary to deliver a turnkey breathing air refill system as herein described. The system will be installed at the previously designated facility and must be fully operational upon completion with the air test performed. Results from the air test will be provided to Neshoba County showing successful capability to provide breathing air for emergency services.

This proposal is being competitively bid and will be awarded to the company that, in the opinion of the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, is best qualified to serve the needs of Neshoba County and best responds to this request for proposal. The County will offer the award based on the following factors:

- Commitment to deliver to Neshoba County a modern, functional, and advanced breathing air system at the most efficient cost possible.
- Commitment to deliver as promised in regards to installation, equipment, services, training, and maintenance to said system.
- Experience, reputation in the industry, and references
- Feasibility, innovation, communication, specific ideas, resources and solutions identified to support the mission critical function of Neshoba County emergency services.
- Ability to deliver a complete breathing air system for Neshoba County.

Vendor must state that, if selected, vendor will furnish and install all equipment, hardware and materials in compliance with all applicable codes, whether local, state or federal, and that all permits or licenses required for installation will be obtained without cost to the County.

This RFP does not commit the County to award a contract, to pay costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal in response to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive formalities, informalities, or irregularities contained in a said proposal and to award a contract for items herein if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the County to do so.

Offers by vendors shall be firm for a minimum of forty-five (45) days following the proposal opening.

Prime Contractor Responsibility

The selected Vendor awarded this contract will be required to assume prime contractor responsibility for the contract and will be the sole point of contact with regard to the systems, installation, maintenance and training. The selected vendor will be required to assume responsibility for all services obtained under contracts resulting from this RFP. The County will only contact the selected vendor awarded this contract for all matters involving providing the services solicited hereunder.

Minimum Specifications

The specifications described herein are the minimum specifications for this complete breathing air system. It is not the intent of the specifications to limit the bidding to any particular brand or provider of services, but rather to select such equipment and services to fill specific emergency service needs. Any reference to name-brand materials, equipment or services is intended to establish standards only and bids submitted on materials, equipment or services thereto, at the sole determination of Neshoba County, shall be considered.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – BREATHING AIR SYSTEM

SECTION 1 – DEFINITION OF TERMS

Neshoba County has made every effort to use industry-accepted terminology in this RFP and it will attempt to further clarify any point or item in question.

- The words “facility” or “facilities” shall mean the Neshoba County facility being solicited for installation of the complete breathing air system which is the Neshoba County Emergency Management Storage Facility.
- The words "bidder", "vendor", and “contractor” may be used synonymously in this document.
- The word “system” or “systems”, unless otherwise qualified, means the specified breathing air system as outlined in this document with installation included.
- The words "must", "shall" or "will" mean that compliance with the intent of the statement is mandatory and failure by the vendor to satisfy that intent may cause the proposal to be rejected.

SECTION 2 - TERM

- A. The term of the warranty contract is to be a minimum of one (1) year from date of installation for the complete breathing air system. There shall be a minimum five (5) year warranty on compressor and fill station.
- B. The County may terminate the agreement for cause by providing a show cause letter to the contractor citing instances of non-compliance.
- C. The contractor shall have thirty (30) days to cure non-compliance to the satisfaction of the facility.

SECTION 3 - MODIFICATION

- A. Modifications to the terms of the agreement may be made by mutual agreement in writing between the parties.

SECTION 4 – TAXES, PERMITS, LICENSES AND FEE

- A. Vendor agrees to assume complete liability for all taxes, permits, licenses and fees applicable to its property, income and business arising out of or in connection with the performance of this agreement.
- B. Vendor shall obtain all necessary permits and licenses for the installation and operation of all equipment in its name and at its expense.
- C. Vendor will not be reimbursed by the County for any direct or indirect tax imposed on it by reason of this agreement.

SECTION 5 – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR BREATHING AIR SYSTEM

The technical specifications described herein primarily describe a complete breathing air system for use and support of fire and emergency services use in the refilling of SCBA and SCUBA cylinders used in various emergency response conditions. This system protects the health and safety of emergency response personnel and as such shall be of the highest quality construction with appropriate installation of all components to ensure same.

5.0 Scope of Work

The purpose of this procurement is to provide and install a complete breathing air system in support of emergency response personnel and emergency services in support of and response to emergency incidents.

The system shall be composed of a breathing air compressor system, a containment fill station, an air pressure storage system, high pressure hose assemblies and connector fittings to provide for a complete system. The scope of work shall also include installation of all components to provide for a complete and functional breathing air system. Further, post-installation testing shall be required to ensure and assure functionality of the installed breathing air system.

5.1 Facility Location

The complete breathing air system shall be installed in the following Neshoba County Facility:

Neshoba County Emergency Management Storage Building
911 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

5.2 Additional Requirements

In formulating the breathing air solution to be provided for this solicitation, the vendor shall consider the best system for the mission critical function of the equipment available, to achieve the most effective solution at the least cost.

5.3 Breathing Air Compressor System

The Breathing Air Compressor System to be provided under this solicitation shall be a Bauer Legacy 2/13 E1 / E3 with the following features / requirements:

- 13 SCFM charging rate with 6,000 PSI maximum pressure
- Four-stage, air cooled compressor
- 10 horsepower electric motor - E1 - Single phase electric, 230 VAC/60 Hz
- PLC based controller with emergency stop push button, on/off switch, final pressure, oil pressure and high-temperature shutdown, and motor overload indication
- Zero loss automatic condensate drain system
- Locally mounted interstage pressure gauges
- P2 B-Securus purification system with 67,000 cubic feet of processing capability
- Dimensions shall allow installation through a 36" standard sized door

5.4 Containment Fill Station

The Containment Fill Station to be provided under this solicitation shall be a Bauer CFS5.5-3S with the following features / requirements:

- Three (3) containment fill station bays for SCBA/SCUBA Cylinders
- Complete with cylinder scuff guard, fill connections, fill hose and bleed valve
- Fill Control Panel with adjustable regulator, inlet pressure gauge, relief valve, and manual control valve and pressure gauge for each fill position
- Convenient door handle actuation
- Bottom venting
- SCBA / SCUBA Connector Fittings
 - o One (1) 2216 PSI SCBA Bottle Connector
 - o Three (3) 4500 PSI SCBA Bottle Connectors

- Three (3) SCUBA Bottle Connectors – DIN or yoke style

5.5 Air Storage

The Air Storage System to be provided under this solicitation shall include four (4) UN 6,000 PSI cylinders with the following features / requirements:

- Wall-mounted rack system with vibration dampening bands to ensure cylinders are securely anchored for refill operations
- High-Pressure Hose Assemblies
 - Brand shall be Parker High Pressure Hoses and Fittings with 6,000 PSI minimum rating
 - Three (3) pigtails, two (2) feet each for interconnection between cylinders
 - Two (2) - five (5) foot sections to connect compressor to fill storage and fill storage to fill station

5.6 Installation

The Breathing Air System specified herein shall be installed as a complete system in the designed location in the facility previous specified herein with the following requirements:

- Complete installation of all components meeting OSHA, NFPA and CGA standards
- Coordination with emergency management staff for scheduling
- Coordination with emergency management staff for scheduling installation in coordination with electrician for final electrical connection
- Training shall be provided for emergency management staff
- Documentation including operator manuals, maintenance schedules and system information / schematics shall be provided to emergency management staff

5.7 Post-Installation Testing

Upon complete installation the Breathing Air System specified herein shall be tested with a Breathing Air Analysis to verify CGA Grade "E" Compliance. The documentation and certification test result shall be provided to the County.

If the test is unsuccessful the system shall not be accepted.

SECTION 6 – MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

6.0 Maintenance and Support Commitment

6.1. System Maintenance and Support Plan

Vendor shall describe in detail how the systems are maintained and supported to ensure, for the duration of the warranty and a minimum of five years from installation, reliable and consistent operation of the system as herein described.

6.1.2 Trouble Help Desk

Vendor shall provide a helpdesk phone number where Emergency Management Staff can call to get assistance in troubleshooting and repairing issues / problems.

SECTION 7 – IMPLEMENTATION

7.0 Implementation

The awarded contractor shall provide and be responsible for the installation of all equipment as specified herein.

7.1. Risk of Loss

The risk of loss and/or damage of vendor's equipment will be fully assumed by the vendor during shipment, unloading, and installation.

7.2. Delivery and Unloading

The vendor must provide transportation to and unloading of equipment at the facility's designated location. The County will not be liable for any charges related to packaging, delivery, or storage of equipment or materials required for proper implementation of the required services. All packing crates, boxes, paper, packing materials, and all other such extraneous material shall be removed from the premises by the vendor after installation.

7.3. Implementation Plan

Vendors must submit with proposal a detailed implementation plan that indicates the time and activities required for installation, training, and testing. The system must be installed in a manner and under a time-frame designed to minimize disruption of the

normal functioning of the facility. Any delay in contractor's implementation schedule that is caused by County personnel will increase the contractor's time allowed to cut-over by the length of such delay.

7.4. Training

At no additional cost to the County, hands-on training is to be provided on-site for personnel authorized to operate this breathing air system. At no charge, the contractor must provide, upon, completion of training, one (1) set of appropriate documentation.

SECTION 8 - SCHEDULE FOR RFP PROCESS

Advertising RFP September 24, 2025 and October 1, 2025

Upon Request Distribution of RFP to all interested Vendors.

October 20, 2025 Proposal due by 10:00 a.m. to:

Marked "Proposal for Breathing Air System"

Returnable To: www.neshobacounty.net/bids

or

Neshoba County Board of Supervisors
C/O Chancery Clerk Gidget Tate
401 Beacon Street, Suite 107
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Review and Acceptance or Rejection of Bids and Contract to Follow

SECTION 9 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Availability of Proposals:

Detailed specifications for the above described RFP may be obtained from the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 201, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350, by calling 601-656-6281 or via our website at www.neshobacounty.net.

Proposal:

Bidder proposes and agrees to provide the equipment, materials, services and related documentation required for the proposal described as, "Proposal for Breathing Air System", in the amounts listed on the proposal submitted. The Bidder confirms that it has checked all of the figures and understands that neither the County nor any of its employees or representatives shall be responsible for any errors or omissions on the part of the undersigned Bidder in preparing and submitting this Proposal.

Proposal Submittal:

Submit one (1) original proposal either via sealed envelope or electronically. Proposals must be addressed and delivered no later than 10:00 AM on October 20, 2025. Please plan deliveries accordingly. Mailing and Physical Address: Neshoba County Board of Supervisors C/O Chancery Clerk Gidget Tate, 401 Beacon Street, Suite 107, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350. Proposal responses not received by the County by the closing date and time indicated above will not be accepted. Electronic proposals are encouraged and can be submitted in response to this solicitation via single file PDF format uploaded to www.neshobacounty.net/bids. Paper proposals shall be placed in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the submitter's company name and address, along with "Proposal for Breathing Air System". The County, nor any of its employees will be responsible for bids improperly or not marked, which are opened in error, and which will nullify the bid. Further, the County will not be responsible for any delivery errors or issues.

Presentation of Proposal:

All information requested should be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals, which are substantially incomplete or lack key information, may be rejected. Failure to follow the instructions herein will be considered a reflection of the respondent's ability to perform the requirements of the contract. Any supplemental information the respondent wishes to include to enhance its response may be attached to the submission.

Proposals should be presented in a neat, business-like manner. Disorderly submittals, or those that are illegible or otherwise unreadable, will receive a lower evaluation or be subject to rejection. Disorganized or unreadable submissions will be considered a reflection of the respondent's ability to perform the requirements of the contract.

Any and all costs incurred by the respondent in the preparation and delivery of the proposal or subsequent requests for information are those of the respondent and will not be reimbursed by Neshoba County.

Request for Information:

All questions and inquiries should be made in writing and e-mailed by 10:00 AM, October 15, 2025 to: County Administrator Jeff Mayo at jmayo@neshobacounty.net. Any resultant changes will be issued in the form of an addendum to the RFP. No changes will be made or issued within 48 working hours of the submission date.

Changes to the Proposal:

Vendors should verify their proposals prior to submission. No proposal can be corrected, altered, or signed after opening. An unsigned proposal will be grounds for automatic rejection. The County will not be responsible for errors or omissions on the part of the vendor in making up its proposal. Once a proposal has been opened, it is subject to acceptance by the County as submitted. No verbal changes to a proposal will be accepted.

If the proposer must take exception to any portion of this proposal or has suggestions on how to better serve the facility herein, please provide your suggestions and exceptions to an Addendum to this RFP.

Proposal Validity:

No bidder may withdraw any proposal for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date set for the opening of proposals. All withdrawals must be in writing.

Public Information:

All materials received in response to this Request for Proposals shall be made available to the public and become part-of the public record upon submission. If any part of a Bidder's materials is proprietary or confidential, it should not be included. Any Bidder information used to aid in proposal selection will not be restricted from the public.

Proposal Costs:

The County will not pay the Bidder or agents for any costs incurred by the Bidder in the preparation, presentation, demonstration or negotiation of this proposal.

Proposal Response Format:

The vendor's proposal shall include at a minimum the following:

- **Letter and Executive Summary:** (OPTIONAL) A letter of transmittal signed by an official authorized to bind the vendor to a resultant contract must be included in the original proposal. The letter must be limited to two pages. The letter shall be followed by an executive summary that briefly summarizes the vendor's proposed solution for the required services and the vendor's ability to provide such services. Executive summary must be limited to three pages.
- **Official Bid Form: (REQUIRED)**
- **Technical Specifications:** Vendor shall acknowledge and indicate compliance (e.g. Understands and Complies) with each **Technical Specification**, followed by any information specifically required. The bidder is encouraged to provide concise responses that respond to the specific requirement. Bidders are cautioned not to provide additional information beyond what is requested. Some specification paragraphs simply introduce the requirements that follow or provide information for the bidder. For such non-technical paragraphs, a simple acknowledgement of the vendor's understanding and compliance is sufficient.
- **Maintenance and Support:** Vendor shall describe in detail how the proposed systems are maintained and supported for the duration of the contract term, to ensure covered warranty of hardware replacement. At a minimum the description shall address the topics listed in the **Maintenance and Support** section.
- **Implementation Plan:** Provide a narrative description (optional) and proposed timeline for the implementation of the Breathing Air System.
- **(only if applicable) RFP Addenda:** Should it become necessary for the County to issue one or more addenda to the RFP, the vendor is required to acknowledge receipt of each addendum issued. **RFP changes per addenda should be noted within the responses as well.**

* * * The Official Bid Form (next page) should be submitted with your bid. * * *

NESHOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BREATHING AIR SYSTEM
OFFICIAL BID FORM

For: Neshoba County Board of Supervisors
401 Beacon Street, Suite 201
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

We are pleased to submit the following bid for:

with all items and equipment to provide a complete breathing air system for the Neshoba County Facility described.

For the Complete Price of \$_____

BID IS: _____ as per specifications, taking no exceptions.

_____ taking only those specifications exceptions listed by letter attached and referenced to page numbers specified (no alternate bids accepted).

The following questionnaire shall be completed by the bidder with the understanding that false or misleading information shall be grounds for rejection of your bid.

Delivery, Installation and Functional Operation of said system shall be made in _____ calendar days, upon acceptance of the bid and receipt of Purchase Order.

Terms of Payment (Payment in Advance will not be considered): _____

Have you provided a detailed proposal in compliance with the specifications? Yes _____ No _____

Is a detailed materials list with quantity, description and cost information attached? Yes _____ No _____

Selling Company Name: _____

Manufacturer of Solution: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____